

ATTACHMENT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a marked up version of each amended claim in which underlines indicates insertions and brackets indicate deletions.

1. (AMENDED) A semi-rigid, handle device of monolithic structure for carrying articles comprising:

a single member having a first and second end formed to enclose a [first] hand loop for inserting a hand and a [second] separate article loop for enclosing articles;

said hand loop containing [an interlocking portion] a locking means for changeably interlocking said first and second [sides] ends of said member, said [interlocking portion] locking means being changeable from a locked position to an opened position and back again;

said article loop disposed adjacent to said hand loop; and

said hand loop and said article loop being closed when said hand loop is in said locked position said hand loop and said article loop being open when said hand loop is in said opened position.

3. (AMENDED) The handle device of Claim [2] 1, wherein when said [interlocking portion] locking means is in said open position article[s] loop handles may be placed through [the]an opening between said first end and said second end of said member, and further into the article loop.

4. (AMENDED) The handle device of Claim [2] 1, wherein when said [interlocking portion] locking means is in said locked position said hand loop fully circumscribed.

5. (AMENDED) A device to carry several bags with loop shaped handles comprising:

a [continuous]semi-rigid monolithic member encompassing a first loop and a separate second loop wherein both loops may be changeably reoriented from an open[ed and] position to a closed position;

said second loop adapted to receive and contain the loop shaped handles of multiple bags;

said first loop [may be locked in said closed position thereby creating a solid area into which a hand may be placed during use] having locking means provided by an integral locking boss on one side of said first loop and a boss receiving recess on the opposite side of said first loop, said boss being adapted to snap into said recess to close said first loop;

said second loop [closes when said first loop is locked closed] having opposed shoulder portions moveable into abutting engagement with one another concomitantly with said first loop being biased to said closed position to positively prevent the handles of the bags secured within the second loop from moving into the first loop and interfering with the locking means.

6. (AMENDED) A method for carrying several articles with straps including the steps of:

providing a handle device having an article strap section and a separate hand section;

unlocking the handle device to open the article strap section and the separate hand section;

placing the straps of the articles within [an]the article strap section of [a]the handle device [which includes a first hand section which can be locked and a second strap section for the straps of the articles]; and

locking [said]the handle device to enclose the handle section [and securing said]and the article strap section to secure the straps in [said]the article strap section.